

SENATE BILL 333  
By Miller

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39,  
relative to abortion.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-15-201(a), is amended by adding a new subdivision (3):

(3) "Person" means a live human. In Tennessee human life begins when brain activity commences, which is five (5) weeks after a fetus is conceived.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-15-201(c)(1), is amended by deleting the language "three (3) months" and substituting instead the language "five (5) weeks".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-15-201(c)(2), is amended by deleting such subdivision in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

If the mother's life is at risk as determined by the pregnant woman's attending physician, who is licensed or certified under title 63, chapter 6 or 9; and if, prior to the procedure the physician has certified in writing the abortion or attempt to procure a miscarriage is necessary to preserve the life of the mother, and has filed a copy of the certificate with the district attorney general of the judicial district wherein the procedure is to be performed.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-15-201(c)(3), is amended by deleting such subdivision in its entirety.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.